## Paderewski's Symphony Shows Fine Musicianship, but Is Not Inspired

One Hour and Ten Minutes to Play—His Command of Oichestration Unexcelled.

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING. DADEREWSKI'S symphony, for which the musical world has been looking a year or two, was played for the first time in New York last night at Carnegie Hall by the Boston Sym-

phony Orchestra. When the announcement was made that the premier planist was writing it, he declared that he wanted Boston's famous band of musicians to introduce it to the public. His wish has been gratified. In Symphony Hall, Boston, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 12, the composition got its initial performance by the Hub players under Max Fiedler. New York's turn came last The symphony, which is in B minor,

has three movements, and, on the authority of the composer himself, is a patriotic tribute to his native country-Poland-inspired by the fortieth anniversary of the revolution of 1863-64. It took one hour and ten minutes to play last night, and when the contemplated fourth movement is added it will surely consume an hour and a half. This seems an unconscionable length of time for a symphony when a complete modern music-drama can be presented in one hour and thirty-five minutes. Beethoven's immortal ninth, with its choral ending, doesn't begin to approach it in length. As an example of musical architecture, Paderewski's symphony is superb. Neither Richard Strauss nor Elgar has better knowledge of orchestral possibilities. The composer has added three sarrusophones, of modern invention, and a tonitruone of his own design to give the feeling of far-distant thunder, to the conventional instruments used by the band. There is no trick of the trade (using the expression as a compliment) of which he has not availed himself. Every bar seems to have been polished and refined to the perfection of execution. With what result? In the opinion of the writer, with frank admission of his own inability to grasp at a single hearing the complete significance of a work of such length and magnitude, in the construction of which this profound musician has spent so many years, it is uninspired. Neither the Polish racial themes of the first and second movements, nor the use of the national anthem in the third. use of the national anthem in the third, arouses a keen appreciation of the wrongs under which the Poles have suffered or an ecstatic desire to right them as, for instance, Tschalkowsky's sixth does for the Russians.

There were some fine moments that none could miss, and, likely, many beautiful passages that the writer overlooked, but the general effect was not exhibitation.

WALTER SOOMER MAKES A FINE WOLFRAM IN "TANNHAEUSER." "Tannhaeuser," at the Metropolitan Opera-House last night, marked the American debut of Walter Scomer. His played a rare sweetness and power. He sang expressively and with true artiswas due to nervousness. Vocally, he a decided addition to the Metropolitan appearance he has all the bulk and

De Reszke. Gadski sang Elisabeth for the first time this season, bringing to it all the maidenly charm and exquisite voice management of former seasons. Olive Fremstad's Venus was a delight to eye and ear alike, Burrian's acting as Tannbacuser was splendidly dramatic. His singing was less convincing. Hertz conducted with his customary intellectual authority and self-restraint.

much of the facial aspect of Edouard

An unadvertised vocalist made himself audible in two scenes. His name could not be learned, but he was spotted, and had a frantically wiggling tail. He was the largest of the fox hounds, and he enlivened the first act finale with loud ultra-Wagnerian dissonance of baying. He also, from behind the scenes, broke in once on Tannbaeuser's second act duet with Elisabeth, to the amusement of the frivolous and the horror of the faithful. The entire performance was of high order.

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